Murphysboro City Council Meeting July 10, 2012

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 10th day of July, 2012. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Ardrey led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Williams lead the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Williams then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 12, 2012 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #461 through July 3, 2012, accounts receivable through July 3, 2012 and payroll through July 3, 2012. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Martin Schaldemose of Ozburn Agency inquired about cutting down the tree in front of his property. Mayor Williams indicated he would have it trimmed. Martin also informed the council he would be taking care of the Old Depot regarding the open windows.

Queida Kelly inquired about Valley Ridge roadways, they are looking bad. Streets and curbs are city's responsibility; they can be oiled and chipped but that does not fix driveways. Also we are looking into the water leak.

Council was informed that Murphysboro is in the Food and Wine top 20 communities in the country for barbeque.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of June 25, 2012.

We will hold on the motion to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Comptroller Local Debt Recovery Program. The Comptroller's office issues the Intergovernmental Agreement and when it is received we will take action.

Motion: To approve accounts payable register #458, #459 and #460 through June 25, 2012.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bullar Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve renewal of guarantee for General John A. Logan Museum Line of Credit in the amount of \$55,000.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Mark Costa, Sandi

Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: Dan Bratton Motion Carried.

We will hold on the \$4,000 loan requests of the Murphysboro Bocce Ball Group and Tanner Marlo CPA from the Revolving Loan Fund until the Revolving Loan Committee meets to review and recommend approval. Bocce Ball Group indicated they will pay back the loan in 3 years. Mayor Williams indicated perhaps we should raise the loan limit from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Revolving Loan Committee consists of Jeff Streuter, Scott Evans, Bruce Wallace, Sandra Ripley and Vickie Ardrey.

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Motion: To approve Kim Kahaler's request to pay half the cost of sidewalk replacement at 20th & Walnut Street not to exceed \$2800.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Ardrey

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Mark Costa, Sandi

Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: Dan Bratton **Motion Carried.**

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of June 25, 2012.

Alderman McComb stated that the Soccer League in town is growing. Little League shut them off from using their field; the Elks Club has donated land behind their building but there is an irrigation problem with the land. They need a 3" meter to set on front of the fire hydrant. Cost is approximately \$1,000; we cannot meter water unless we have a meter. We could charge a tapping fee plus water to recoup cost of meter.

Motion: To purchase a 3" meter for approximately \$1,000 to set on front of a fire hydrant for the Soccer League.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bastien Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Motion: To purchase the township's 1991 Dodge Truck for \$10.00.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Alderman Bullar read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of June 25, 2012.

Motion: To approve the action of the Public Safety Committee to declare the pit bull of Lisa Spiller a dangerous dog.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Seconded by Alderman Costa

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the action of the Public Safety Committee to declare the pit bull of Aurelia Zaragoza a dangerous dog.

Motion by Alderman Costa Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

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Motion: To approve the action of the Public Safety Committee to declare the pit bull of Richard Corns a dangerous dog.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Seconded by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve replacing approximately \$2,000 worth of new fire hose.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Alderman Bastien read the minutes of the Public Improvement Committee meeting of June 25, 2012.

Mayor Williams informed the council that the Carbondale Mayor suggested we combine the Carbondale and Murphysboro 4th of July celebration on Sunday of Labor Day weekend at the airport. It was determined we would hold our own at Riverside and determine date in committee meetings.

Motion: To approve the transfer of property at 700 N. 9th Street to Justin Baril.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb Mayor Williams called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Snow cone stand issue has turned into a donnybrook. If the stand is located on private property we cannot do much and we do not have much in ordinances. We will request Ed Heller to check into a more rigid ordinance; should look at Carbondale's ordinance.

Alderman Hughes read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 25, 2012.

Motion: To approve the appointment of Darren Mills as street department foreman on a permanent basis.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Seconded by Alderman Bullar Mayor Williams called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

We will hold on proceeding with legal recourse and seek damages against John Medwedeff since we acted in good faith and gave him the option and opportunity to resolve the dispute and he did not attend the meeting or do repairs. Ed Heller is in the process of looking at solutions we have available to us and the cost and then we would proceed with legal action.

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Community Relations meeting of June 25, 2012.

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Motion: To raise the limits in a single raffle on the dollar amount of prizes or chances for raffles to one million for the aggregate retail value of all prizes or merchandise awarded, maximum retail value of each prize not exceed \$250,000 and maximum price which may be charged not exceed \$250.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bullar Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To recommend to council to approve ordinance related to video gaming and video gaming terminals within the City of Murphysboro.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Alderman McComb read the minutes of the Building and Grounds meeting of June 25, 2012.

No action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Meeting reminder representative from Central States Insurance (Teamsters) will be here on Thursday, July 22, 2012 at 5:30 at the Liberty Theatre to give an overview of the benefits and costs associated with health Insurance plan including employees' spouse. Then we will proceed with doing something on health insurance.

Discussed and considered the \$1 million line of credit for the City of Murphysboro at Frist Bank and Trust Company of Murphysboro. Renew the line for I year at 4.94%; balance is down to \$181,000.00.

Motion: To approve renewal of \$1 million Line of Credit for the City of Murphysboro at First Bank & Trust Company of Murphysboro for 1 year at 4.49%.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Ardrey Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Mark Kennedy wants to return to the city the property on Doris Street. Since it is a natural waterway we should allow this as we do attempt to keep it cleaned out and Mark would not be obligated to do so. Mark will prepare the deed and we will accept the property back and fix the problem.

Motion: To approve acceptance of Doris Street property from Mark Kennedy.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bastien Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

There will be a hearing on Wednesday the 11th at 6 PM on the historic preservation designation.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes No

Vicki Ardrey Thanks for sign

Bill Pierson No

Mike Bastien No

Danny Bratton Drawings and spec for sewer plant walkway. Ed has to

check and then get out for bid, published in paper and get started on it. Payne will come down and field questions

from bidders at opening.

Mark Costa No

Sandi Bullar No

Brown, Russell No

Gary McComb Council should consider taking no brush thru July and

closing dump down now until further notice.

Motion: To approve taking no brush and closing dump down now until further notice

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Alderman McComb stated that we are getting a lot of stuff from Carbondale and he would suggest we charge a \$10 fee for people to dump.

Mayor Williams invited Judith White to introduce her grandson who was working on his scout merit badge.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Jeff Bock No.

Ed Heller We can now demolish 2239 Commercial Avenue and 1018

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Eric Kennedy No

Brian Manwaring No

Ron Manwaring No

Leander Bryant No

Sandra Ripley No

Steve Swafford No

Jay Youngman No

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.